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WILLIAM GREEN, President

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## Green Denounces Taft-Hartley Law; Predicts Concerted Drive for Repeal

San Francisco.—AFL President William Green, denouncing the Taft-Hartley Law, predicted today that a concerted drive for its repeal is being organized by labor leaders in the United States.

Green, speaking at a luncheon of the American Federation of Labor, said that the law is "a gross violation of the rights of free men and women." He said that the law is "a gross violation of the rights of free men and women."

## Council Recommends Increase In Per Capita Tax; Also Advocates Establishment of Political League

### Executive Council Calls for Establishment of Organization to Further Economic and Political Policies of the AFL

San Francisco.—The AFL Executive Council recommended today the immediate establishment of "Labor's Educational and Political League" to further the economic and political policies of the American Federation of Labor.

### Convention Votes

#### Organizing Drive

San Francisco.—The AFL convention voted an initiative organizing campaign to combat the Taft-Hartley law and other anti-labor legislation.

### AFL Convention Passes Resolutions Urging

#### Billion Dollar Federal Aid Program

#### For Nation's School Systems

San Francisco.—Swinging into the final week of the AFL convention here, the Executive Council called for an increase in the per capita tax paid by affiliated unions to the American Federation of Labor.

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## Clark Charges Russia Blocked Austrian Peace

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## American Legion's Commander Warns Against Soviets' Expansionist Plan

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## Convention Hears AFL Representatives Report on Conditions Faced By Europe

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## Last Rites Held for Joseph A. Padway

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## Ten-Point Foreign Policy Program Advocated for U.S. by AFL Convention

San Francisco.—The AFL convention adopted unanimously a declaration on foreign policy which was the first of its kind in the history of the United States Government. It was a historic declaration designed to set a national program for the United States Government and to guide the nation's foreign policy.

The text of the AFL declaration follows:

"All powers to withdraw their armies of occupation from other lands simultaneously.

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## Historic 66th AFL Convention Concludes Session; Approves Measures To Combat Taft-Hartley Law

### Convention Declaration Says WFTU Is Instrument of Soviet Imperialism

San Francisco.—A strongly worded declaration of the AFL convention, which was adopted by a vote of 95 to 1, stated that the AFL is a "world federation of trade unions" and that it is "not a political party." The declaration also stated that the AFL is "not a political party" and that it is "not a political party."

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### Per Capita Raised By Convention Vote

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## Padway Denounced Taft-Hartley Law's Violation of Constitutional Rights

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## Convention Supports ILO, Agency For World Labor

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### REA APPROVED LOANS IN FOURTEEN STATES

Washington, D. C.—Approved loans in fourteen states for the purpose of financing the construction of the new Washington University.

### FOUR-POINT PLEDGE

Washington, D. C.—A four-point pledge was adopted by the AFL convention.

### WINDOW WASHERS' UNION WINS WAGE INCREASE

Chicago, Ill.—A new contract has been won by the window washers' union.

### TELEPHONE UNIONS TO HOLD CONVENTION

Los Angeles, Calif.—The AFL International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers will hold a convention in October.

### PERSONAL PARTICIPATION IN PRESIDENT'S FOOD PROGRAM

Washington, D. C.—Undersecretary of Agriculture, Charles L. Brannan, announced the creation of an Office of Personal Participation in the President's Food Program.

### Electrical Workers Get New Contract

Chicago, Ill.—The AFL Electrical Workers Union has won a new contract with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

### WOMEN WORKERS CONTINUE THEIR HIGH POSTURAL VIOLENCE

Washington, D. C.—The Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor has announced that it will continue its high postural violence.

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### YOUNG WORKERS CARELESS

Washington, D. C.—A survey by the U. S. Department of Labor has found that young workers are careless.

### LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Los Angeles, Calif.—A \$4,000 law school scholarship was awarded to a student.

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